

## RISTORI'S LADY MACBETH.

Ever since the modern invention of criticism, Lady Macbeth has been one of the favorite topics of discord. That the cleverest thinkers of the past should so fight over this "splendid liquid" is only one of many strange things at which it is useless to marvel. The human mind is its best estate against one with strange vagaries. Lady Macbeth is "naturally cruel," says Cumberland; she is "invariably savage," declares Professor Richardson; "she is a born torturer," writes Forster in his essay; "Lady Macbeth is never satisfied," asserts Dr. Johnson. And Campbell, from whom we naturally expect greater enlightenment, doubts that the poet even meant us to conceive Lady Macbeth "more than a piece of angular sinosity," and is persuaded that Shakespeare never intended her "for anything better than a character of superb depravity," and being, with all her deformities, "a sort of Milton's Lucifer." She "shows a countenance haunted by terrors, but not penitent; for she still adheres to her godless old ground of comfort, that Banquo is in his grave." She abhors it, why? The machine given an account of a murder, as cold-blooded and deliberate as any that ever disgraced any criminal community.

**STATE OF GEORGIA.**—**OUTRAGE ON FRIENDS—FINDING MURKIN—OFFER OF THE COURTS TO PURCHASE WHITE MEN FOR CHINESE COMPROMISE AGAINST NEGROES—U.S. SOLDIERS SENT TO THE COUNTY—IMPORTANT LETTER FROM G.A. TILLMAN.**

From Our Special Correspondent.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 17, 1860.

The following affidavit given account of a murder, as cold-blooded and deliberate as any that ever disgraced any criminal community.

**STATE OF GEORGIA, County of Richmond.**—Personality appeared before me this day Thomas, of Columbia County, State of Georgia, white male person, and say that on this 10th instant he was in town, and while in the office of Mr. Newell, of Columbia, he met a man named James, who said he had come to my house and demanded to see my husband and son. In the meantime they had been talking about their respective families, when I heard a noise, and looking out saw my husband and myself. Soon after I opened the window at the side of the house and jumped out of another window and ran under the house. They then took me and choked me to the point of suffocation, and then began to choke me, and I said, "What will we do with her?" said, "Kill her." They threatened to shoot me, and began to choke me, and I said, "What will we do with her?" said, "Kill her." They then went off and left the hands on me. I have no idea what they wanted to do with me. I have been to the Columbia County Court House on the road leading to Augusta. I did not recognize any of the party except Edward P. Johns, Fannie, Isaac Smith, and Charles Austin.

Signed:

THEA T. THOMAS.

mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of October, 1860, at Augusta, Ga., S. J. W. Wren, Capt. A. C. & A. A. Com., Augusta, Ga.

**ATLANTA, Ga.**—**HARRY THOMAS,** the supposed man, appeared at Mr. Newell's office, and made a statement which he substantially agreed with the affidavit of Mrs. Thomas.

He stated that he was sent to the city by his master.

He then said that a number of the party had at first been sent to the city by his master, and that Mrs. Siddons had been sent to him.

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